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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/644,608                      Confirmation No. : 5994  
Applicants : Robert B. Koenig and William Wekell  
Filed : August 19, 2003                      Attorney Docket No.: 501260.01  
Art Unit : 2833                      Customer No. : 27,076  
Examiner : Gary F. Paumen  
Title : LATCHING MEDICAL PATIENT PARAMETER SAFETY CONNECTOR AND METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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I hereby certify that no item set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to our knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2))

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Respectfully submitted,

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FORM PTO-1449 (REV. 7-80)  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY. DOCKET NO. 501260.01	APPLICATION NO. 10/644,608
	APPLICANT(S) Robert B. Koenig and William Wekell		
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,079,343	03/14/78	Nijman	333	183	
	AB	4,329,665	05/11/82	Kawai et al.	333	182	
	AC	4,473,755	09/25/84	Imai et al.	307	10.1	
	AD	4,639,061	01/27/87	Muzslay	439	587	
	AE	4,707,048	11/17/87	Gliha et al.	439	620	
	AF	4,784,618	11/15/88	Sakamoto et al.	439	620	
	AG	5,161,996	11/10/92	Locati	439	374	
	AH	5,282,757	02/01/94	Maeda	439	374	
	AI	5,496,190	03/05/96	Ittah et al.	439	354	
	AJ	5,562,498	10/08/96	Bradenburg et al.	439	620	
	AK	5,830,016	11/03/98	Chuang	439	620	
	AL	5,842,888	12/01/98	Belopolsky	439	620	
	AM	6,022,246	02/08/00	Ko	439	680	
	AN	6,027,359	02/22/00	Aoki et al.	439	357	
	AO	6,050,850	04/18/00	Crane et al.	439	569	
	AP	6,159,049	12/12/00	Schramme et al.	439	620	
	AQ	6,203,353	03/20/01	Huang et al.	439	352	
	AR	6,302,744	10/16/01	Nomura	439	680	
	AS	6,334,794	01/01/02	Crane et al.	439	680	
	AT	6,364,718	04/02/02	Polgar et al.	439	352	
	AU	6,467,165	10/22/02	Glynn	29	876	
	AV	6,746,284	06/08/04	Spink, Jr.	439	740	

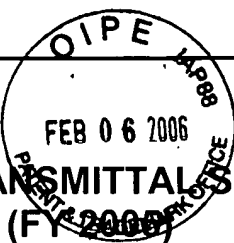
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET



## Complete if Known

Application No.	10/644,608
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

### METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

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#### Extra Claim Fees

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	20		x \$	= \$ 0
Ind.	3		x \$	= \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$
<b>Subtotal (Extra Claims)</b>				<b>\$ 0</b>

#### Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) **Fee \$400**

§ 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.  
 § 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.  
 § 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.  
 § 1.183 to suspend the rules.  
 § 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent.  
 § 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of patent term.

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) **Fee \$200**

§ 1.12 for access to an assignment record.  
 § 1.14 for access to an application.  
 § 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.  
 § 1.59 for expungement of information.  
 § 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.  
 § 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when § 1.136(a) not avail.  
 § 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.  
 § 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.  
 § 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.

§ 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.  
 § 1.956 for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.

§ 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.

§ 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.

§ 1.5.25 for retroactive license.

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) **Fee \$130**

§ 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.  
 § 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.  
 § 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.  
 § 1.102(d) to make an application special.  
 § 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.  
 § 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.  
 § 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.

### FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee paid
50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
130	65	Surcharge - Late nonprovisional filing fee or oath	\$
180	180	Submission of IDS	\$180
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
120	60	Extension for reply within first month	\$
450	225	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1,020	510	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1,590	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
2,160	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
790	395	Submission After Final 1.129	\$
500	250	Notice of Appeal	\$
500	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1,000	500	Request for oral hearing	\$
130	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
800	400	Design Issue Fee	\$
790	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
130		Request for voluntary publication or republication	\$
500	250	Petition to Revive - unavoidable	\$
1,500	750	Petition to Revive - unintentional	\$
200		Filing for patent term adjustment	\$
400		Request for reinstatement of term reduced	\$
1,120		Extension of term of patent	\$
OTHER FEE (specify)			\$

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